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2 EXAMINATION OF EDWARD JOSEPH BROOKS, III, ESQ. PAGE	2 VIDEO SPECIALIST: Good morning.
3 By Mr. Haslam 8	3 Here begins Media Number 1 in the video
4 By Mr. Mirzaie 46	4 recorded deposition of Edward Brooks in the matter
5 By Mr. Haslam 54	5 of XR Communications, LLC, versus D-Link Systems,
6	6 Inc., et al. This is Case Number
7	7 8:17-CV-00596-AG, filed in the U.S. District Court
8 EXHIBITS	8 for the Central District of California, Los
9 (Attached to the Transcript)	9 Angeles Division.
10 BROOKS DEPOSITION EXHIBIT PAGE	Today's date is July 6, 2022. The time
11 Exhibit 1 First Amendment to Asset 10	11 on the video monitor is now 11:08 a.m. eastern
12 Purchase Agreement,	12 time. The videographer today is Joel Coriat, on
13 Bates XR-00007768 - 00007807	13 behalf of Planet Depos. This deposition will be
14 Exhibit 2 Patent Conveyance from Wayout 12	14 taken via videoconference.
15 Wireless, LLC, to Vivato Networks,	
16 LLC, Bates XR-00007808 - 00007811	15 Would counsel please identify yourself,
17 Exhibit 3 Patent Assignment, 15	16 for the record.
18 Bates XR-00007829 - 00007833	MR. HASLAM: My name is Bob Haslam. I'm
19 Exhibit 4 10/16/06 Letter from Mr. Brooks 17	18 with Covington & Burling, and I represent Aruba
20 to Commissioner for Patents,	19 Networks. And with me is Kee Young Lee.
21 Bates ARUBA_0032504 - 0032506	20 MR. MIRZAIE: I am Reza Mirzaie from
22 Exhibit 5 Tabs3 Client Ledger Report, 19	21 Russ, August & Kabat, representing Plaintiff XR,
23 Brooks, Cameron & Huebsch, PLLC,	22 or also known as Vivato.
24 From 1/1/06 Through 12/31/08	23 MR. SALEEM: Sajid Saleem from Duane
25	24 Morris, representing Defendants Belkin and
	25 NetGear.
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1 EXHIBITS CONTINUED	1 VIDEO SPECIALIST: All right. The court
2 BROOKS DEPOSITION EXHIBIT PAGE	2 reporter today is Debbie Whitehead, on behalf of
3 Exhibit 6 2/14/08 Amendment and Response, 27	3 Planet Depos. She will now swear in the deponent.
4 Bates ARUBA_0032636 - 0032660	4 EDWARD JOSEPH BROOKS, III, ESQUIRE,
5 Exhibit 7 4/25/08 Request for Withdrawal as 28	5 having been duly sworn, testified as follows:
6 Attorney or Agent and Change of	6 VIDEO SPECIALIST: Thank you.
7 Correspondence Address, Bates	7 You may proceed, Counsel.
8 ARUBA_0032681 - 0032682	8 EXAMINATION BY COUNSEL FOR DEFENDANT
9 Exhibit 8 Notice Regarding Change of Power 31	9 ARUBA NETWORKS, LLC
10 of Attorney, Bates	10 BY MR. HASLAM:
11 ARUBA_0032683 - 0032687	11 Q Mr. Brooks, I understand you're a lawyer.
12 Exhibit 9 4/25/08 Request for Withdrawal as 38	12 Are you still practicing today?
13 Attorney or Agent and Change of	13 A Yes.
14 Correspondence Address, Bates	14 Q Can you, for the record, now that you're
15 ARUBA_0034862 - 0034863	15 under oath, can you state your name and where you
16 Exhibit 10 Notice Regarding Change of Power 39	
17 of Attorney, Bates	16 reside?
18 ARUBA_0034864 - 0034866	17 A Edward Joseph Brooks, III, resident in
19 Exhibit 11 10/31/08 Office Communication, 40	18 Minneapolis, Minnesota.
20 Bates ARUBA_0034875 - 0034877	19 Q And among the areas of your practice, do
21 Exhibit 12 4/30/08 Request for Withdrawal as 42	20 you practice patent law?
22 Attorney or Agent and Change of	21 A Yes.
23 Correspondence Address, Bates	22 Q Are you registered to practice before the
24 ARUBA_0033263 - 0033264	23 Patent and Trademark Office?
25	24 A Yes.
	25 Q How long have you been so registered?

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1 A Twenty-five years.	1 A Correct.	
2 Q And does your work in connection with the	2 Q Okay. What was your were you doing	
3 patent office include preparing patent	3 any work for Wayout Wireless at the date of	
4 applications?	4 this around the time of this recordation, which	
5 A Yes.	5 is September 2006?	
6 Q Does it also include steps in the process	6 A Not that I recall. In fact, I don't	
7 of corresponding with the patent office in the	7 recognize that name at all, Wayout Wireless.	
8 back and forth that sometimes goes on before a	8 Q Would you go back to the top, there is a	
9 patent is either ultimately issued or ultimately	9 reference to the name of the conveying party,	
10 rejected?	10 Vivato, Inc.	
11 A Yes.	Were you doing any work associated with	
MR. HASLAM: I'm going to upload to the	12 Vivato, Inc., at that time?	
13 chat, and it will be published well, at least	13 A I do not recall when I began doing work	
14 we hope that's what's going to happen. Well,	14 for Vivato, but we did patent prosecution work for	
15 here's what I'm going to do. Kee Young, can you	15 Vivato.	
16 upload I'm not going to use them all, but can	16 Q We'll get to more specifics later on.	
17 you upload Tabs 1 through 20 to the videographer.	17 But when you without regard to when you recall	
18 Q I apologize, Mr. Brooks.	18 first doing work with a Vivato entity, can you	
19 A Quite all right.	19 tell me who the people were that you were first	
20 (Discussion off the record with the A/V	20 dealing with at Vivato?	
21 technician.)	21 A Gary Haycox.	
MR. HASLAM: Okay. Why don't we go off 23 the record and we'll come back on as soon as it's	22 Q How did you become acquainted with	
	23 Mr. Haycox in a professional capacity?24 A He was referred to us.	
24 uploaded.25 VIDEO SPECIALIST: Okay. Going off the		
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10 1 record. The time is 11:12.	1 was referred to you?	
2 (A recess was taken.)	2 A This document says September 19 of 2006,	
3 VIDEO SPECIALIST: We are back on the	3 so I imagine it was in 2006.	
4 record. The time is 11:14. Thank you.	4 Q And what kind of work did Mr. Haycox ask	
5 MR. HASLAM: Can we publish the document	5 you to perform?	
6 that is in Tab 1.	6 A Patent prosecution.	
7 A/V TECHNICIAN: Stand by.	Q If you'll scroll down to right there.	
8 MR. HASLAM: And can you provide the	8 And I've got documents that I'll show you later.	
9 witness with the ability to control the document.	9 But do you recall generally at this point that the	
10 (Discussion off the record with the A/V	10 patent applications and patent numbers that are	
11 technician.)	11 listed there were among the patents or patent	
MR. HASLAM: Let's have this marked as	12 applications that you performed services for	
13 Exhibit 1.	13 Mr. Haycox relating to?	
14 (Brooks Deposition Exhibit 1 marked for	14 A No, I don't have any recollection of	
15 identification and is attached to the transcript.)	15 patent numbers from back in 2006.	
16 Q Can you tell us what this document is?	16 Q Okay. And again, we'll get to it later,	
17 A My eyes are not good as they used to be,	17 but do you recall that you were working on more	
18 so I'm	18 than one patent or patent applications during your	
19 (Discussion off the record with the A/V	19 work for companies related to Mr. Haycox?	
20 technician.)	20 A I recall working on more than one patent	
21 A It looks like it's listed as a First	21 application.	
22 Amendment to Asset Purchase Agreement; Conveying	MR. HASLAM: Can we pull up Tab 2 and	
23 Party, Vivato; Receiving Party, Wayout Wireless.	23 publish it. This is another is this strike	
24 Q And at the bottom of that first page, is	24 that. Let's mark this as Exhibit 2.	
25 that your signature?	25 (Brooks Deposition Exhibit 2 marked for	

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Conducted on July 6, 2022 15 identification and is attached to the transcript.) Mr. Ambrose? Q Can you tell us what this document is? A Correct. A It looks like a similar document to the Q And I'll just elaborate that. Do you previous one, this time conveying from Wayout recall ever having any written communications with Wireless --Mr. Ambrose? THE WITNESS: Kevin, if you'll scroll up. A I do not recall. A -- to Vivato Networks, LLC. Q And could we just scroll down to the Q Do you recall the name Vivato Networks, signature on this page. I want to make sure I've 9 LLC, in connection with work you performed for asked you that. 10 Mr. Haycox? 10 Is that your signature on the bottom of A Yes. 11 the first page? Q And was that an entity from approximately A Yes. 12 12 13 sometime around the date of 2007 forward that you 13 MR. HASLAM: Can we have Tab 3 uploaded. 14 performed patent-prosecution-related services for? 14 (Brooks Deposition Exhibit 3 marked for 15 identification and is attached to the transcript.) 15 MR. HASLAM: If we can scroll up. If we MR. HASLAM: And could you give control 16 17 can scroll up just briefly on that. Can you go up 17 to the witness. A/V TECHNICIAN: He should have control. 18 Q In Box 2, the name Vivato Networks, LLC, Q First question is, can you tell me what 19 20 appears, and it has a street address care of 20 that document is? 21 Ambrose Law, in Portland, Oregon. A It's labeled an assignment document, with 22 Do you recall having any contact around 22 conveyance from Vivato Networks, LLC. If you'll 23 this time with Ambrose Law? 23 scroll down. I don't see who it's assigned to. 24 A No. 24 Oh, Vivato Networks Holdings, LLC. Thank you. 25 Q Do you recall ever dealing with a Q You've testified earlier that you did do 14 16 Mr. Ambrose? patent prosecution work for Vivato Networks, LLC, A I never had any contact with anyone other and this is a -- something recorded with the than Gary Haycox, but I believe he gave me 3 patent office. instructions from business counsel Ambrose. Do you recall at some point doing work Q And can you elaborate on what you mean by for Vivato Networks Holdings, LLC? he gave you instructions related from Mr. Ambrose? A I do not recall. 6 MR. CONNEELY: Counsel, this is Q And by that do you mean that you have no 8 Mr. Conneely. I have to jump in here. Mr. Brooks recollection one way or the other, or are you 9 may owe a duty of confidentiality or saying that you don't believe you ever did patent 10 attorney-client privilege. And unless someone can 10 prosecution services for Vivato Networks Holdings? 11 tell us that that's been waived, I have to caution A I have no recollection. 11 12 him not to disclose attorney-client privileged Q Okay. Without regard at this point in 12 13 communications, even for former clients. 13 time for the particular, what those particular MR. MIRZAIE: And, yes, I think 14 application numbers that are listed there -- could 15 confidentiality, I think we should be fine as far 15 you scroll down -- under Property Numbers, can you 16 as the protective order is concerned. You know, 16 tell me those are patent application numbers? 17 we're under protective order here, and we can A Those look to be in the form of patent 18 designate, if Mr. Haslam wants to, the transcript 18 application serial numbers. 19 under outside attorneys' eyes only. Q And at this point in time, as of the date Privilege has not been waived. So unless 20 of this document, were you working on multiple 21 Mr. Haslam has some different information, I don't 21 patents or patent applications in December 2007? 22 think privilege has been waived. A Yes. And by "patent applications," 22 Q Let me ask you this: Do I understand 23 prosecution only, I believe. 24 from what you have testified that you do not Q And by that do you mean that you were not 25 recall having any direct conversations with 25 filing new applications?

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1 VIDEO SPECIALIST: We're back on the	1 Q And to be clear, you do not recall that
2 record, the time is 12:17.	2 any of those ever went abandoned. Correct? My
3 BY MR. HASLAM:	3 question wasn't whether you recalled the the
4 Q I want to ask you one further question.	4 questions earlier this morning. My question is,
5 After you withdrew as counsel for Mr. Haycox and	5 you don't recall any of those applications going
6 his companies, did an Adrian Zajac, Z-A-J-A-C,	6 abandoned. Correct?
7 ever contact you to discuss your withdrawal or the	7 A Correct.
8 reason for your withdrawal?	8 Q And you weren't involved in any revival
9 A I don't recognize that name. I do not	9 of those applications from any abandonment.
10 recall.	10 Correct?
11 Q And we can go back and look at them, but	11 A Not that I recall.
12 I'll ask this without them. In your request to	12 Q And you were shown I believe it was Tab
13 withdraw as counsel, one of the things you are	13 45, an invoice of sorts that I believe showed some
14 required to provide by the patent office is a	14 of the moneys that you were paid and and owed.
15 reason for your withdrawal. Correct?	Do you recall that?
16 A I'm not certain if that's the current	16 A I believe we started the day looking at
17 form or was that the form then.	17 an invoicing summary sheet. And at the very
18 Q Okay. The reason for withdrawal was the	18 bottom of the summary sheet there appeared to be
19 fact that you had unpaid bills that had been	19 the reflection of the amount charged versus the
20 unpaid for approximately a year. Correct?	20 amount paid, and the difference outstanding.
21 A More than a year, correct.	21 Q And were you ever owed money from any
MR. HASLAM: Okay. I have no further	22 other clients other than the Vivato-related
23 questions. Thank you very much for your time. I	23 clients we've identified this morning?
24 guess other counsel has the opportunity to ask	24 MR. CONNEELY: Objection. Vague.
25 questions, if they wish.	25 A I don't think I can speak to the business
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1 MR. MIRZAIE: Yeah. Thank you,	1 practices of other clients and their payments.
2 Mr. Brooks, for your time today. I just have	2 Q Your you withdrew from representing
3 maybe 15 minutes of questions to ask, if that's	3 Vivato or Vivato-related entities per some of the
4 okay.	4 exhibits that we reviewed this morning. Correct?5 A Correct.
5 THE WITNESS: Yes.	
6 EXAMINATION BY COUNSEL FOR PLAINTIFF	6 Q Was that your one and only withdrawal
7 BY MR. MIRZAIE:	7 from representation over the course of your
8 Q Let's see here. So I believe you	8 lengthy career?
9 testified earlier today that some of the	9 A I imagine there were other withdrawals
10 applications that you were shown strike that.	10 over the course of my career.
11 You were shown a few applications today	11 Q And some of those other withdrawals were
12 during the first part of your testimony.	12 as a result of nonpayment of attorney fees. Fair?
Do you recall that?	13 A I suspect so.
14 A I was shown, it looked to be faxed forms,	14 Q Do you have any idea of about how many
15 correspondence with the patent office, and we	15 withdrawals you've had over your career?
16 looked at a summary sheet of invoicing. And	16 A No.
17 connected with that were patent numbers. But we	17 Q Some of the correspondence that you
18 didn't look at I think there was one amendment	18 reviewed today did indicate that the patent owner
19 response cover sheet that was put up, correct.	19 at the time had hired another attorney, by the
20 Q Thanks. And the applications identified	20 name of Ambrose.
21 on the documents that you were shown today, I	21 Do you recall that?
22 believe you testified that you weren't aware that	22 A I do not recall what other counsel worked
23 any of those went abandoned after you withdrew.	23 for Gary Haycox. I recall by voice taking
24 Correct?	24 instruction from Gary Haycox to list
25 A I do not recall.	25 correspondence contacts.

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Conducted on July 6, 2022 51 Q And you were never instructed to -- to A I apologize. If you -- if you said abandon any application. Fair? excepting the summary sheet, yes, they -- they A I do not recall an instruction to abandon presumably would be part of the file histories. an application. Q And those are all matters of public Q And the invoices that we looked at this record or to which the public has access to. morning, that does not suggest any intent on your Fair? 6 part to deceive the PTO. Fair? A They should. MR. CONNEELY: Object to the form. It's Q And by the way, when did counsel for 8 9 argumentative. And we didn't look at any invoices 9 Aruba first reach out to you either by e-mail or 10 by serving a subpoena on you this year? 10 this morning. A I believe I was first contacted end of Q I'll ask a different question. You were 11 12 shown, I counted about a dozen documents this 12 May. 13 morning. Fair? 13 Q Do you know the exact date? A Yes, it appears that we looked at about a A I do not. 14 15 dozen documents. Q Could it have been early June, or was it 15 Q Did any of those documents indicate any 16 end of May for sure? A It could have been. I don't recall. 17 intent to deceive the patent office from you? 17 O But it wasn't before around the end of MR. CONNEELY: Same objection. 18 19 Argumentative and foundation. 19 May. Fair? Q But you can answer yes or no to the A For volume issues, would you please say 20 21 extent you have an opinion on that matter or you 21 the front end of that again? 22 have an answer. 22 Q Yeah. But it was not before along the A The documents we looked at were form 23 end of May. Correct? 24 documents from the patent office. Why would they A Correct, it was not before along the end 25 reflect an intent to deceive? 25 of May. 50 52. Q I don't think they would, but I'm Q And did you have any phone calls with asking -- I'm just asking you if you think that counsel for Aruba between that point in time and they would. 3 today? A I do not. A Yes. MR. CONNEELY: Same objections. 5 Q About how many? Q And the payment document at Tab 45 also One. 6 does not reflect any intent to deceive. Correct? And how long was that call? MR. CONNEELY: Object to the extent it A Five, ten minutes. calls for a legal conclusion and lack of Q And what did you guys discuss, if you 10 foundation. 10 recall? You can answer subject to that objection, A Counsel -- and I apologize, I do not have 11 Q 12 counsel's first -- or last name, Anupam, and Kee 12 sir. A Would you please repeat the question? 13 Young on the call today were present and asked if 13 Q Yes. The bills document that we reviewed 14 I had done work for Vivato. We shared that we 15 which counsel called Tab 45, do you recall that 15 had, and we had withdrawn, and did not have 16 document? 16 anything further to share. 17 A Yes. Q And the fact that you had done work for Q That, also, does not reflect or suggest 18 Vivato, that was part of the public file history. 19 any intent to deceive the PTO. Fair? 19 Fair? 20 MR. CONNEELY: Same objections. 20 A Correct. 21 A It does not appear to be. 21 Q And the fact that you had withdrawn, that Q Outside of that document I think the 22 was also part of the public file history. Fair? 23 majority, if not all of the other documents you A Those sheets we looked at, correct, 24 were shown today, were part of the file histories 24 request for withdrawal. 25 of various patent applications. Fair? 25 Q And was that phone conversation the first

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1 time that they reached out to you in end of May,	1 MR. HASLAM: Yeah.
2 early June?	2 Q Before you filed the request to withdraw
MR. CONNEELY: Counsel, I'm not sure	3 with the patent office in connection with the
4 we've established when the phone call happened.	4 applications you were working on for Mr. Haycox
5 Q That's what I'm trying to inartfully	5 and his companies, did you inform Mr. Haycox that
6 perhaps establish is, did that phone call take	6 you were going to withdraw?
7 place at the end of May or early June?	7 A I do not recall, but I believe our
A Yes.	8 practice would have been to advise the client that
Q Was that the first time that someone on	9 we would withdraw.
10 behalf of Aruba or HP reached out to you?	10 Q Was it your practice to suggest that they
11 A I believe so.	11 get replacement counsel or not?
Q And have you exchanged e-mails with	12 A Yes.
3 counsel for Aruba or HP?	13 MR. HASLAM: That's all I have. Thank
14 A Yes.	14 you very much for your time.
5 Q About how many?	THE WITNESS: Thank you.
6 A One or two.	MR. MIRZAIE: Thanks, everybody.
7 Q And what were the what was the	THE WITNESS: Have a great day.
8 substance of those e-mails, if you recall?	18 MR. HASLAM: You, too. Appreciate your
9 A I believe I first received an e-mail from	19 time.
0 Anupam asking if he could speak with me. I	20 VIDEO SPECIALIST: Thank you. That
21 responded in one e-mail to say that I would make	21 concludes today's proceedings. Off the record at
22 time, and it resulted in the phone call. And then	22 12:31. Thank you, Counsel.
23 after other business interruptions, he reached out	23 (Off the record at 12:31 p.m. EDT.)
24 again requesting and I responded that we would not	24
25 be able to participate with his request.	25
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Q Thank you.	1 ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF DEPONENT
MR. MIRZAIE: And, Counsel, we'd request	2 I, EDWARD JOSEPH BROOKS, III, ESQUIRE, do
production of those e-mails.	3 hereby acknowledge that I have read and examined
And with that, I don't believe I have any	4 the foregoing testimony, and the same is a true,
other questions. Thank you for your time this	5 correct and complete transcription of the
5 morning.	6 testimony given by me, and any corrections appear
MR. CONNEELY: Can I just ask a	7 on the attached Errata sheet signed by me.
clarification. Which counsel were you looking at	8
when you said you requested copies of those	9
0 e-mails?	10 (DATE) (SIGNATURE)
1 MR. MIRZAIE: I'm sorry. Just not	11
2 you, but counsel for defendants in this case,	12
3 Aruba HP.	13
4 MR. CONNEELY: Thank you.	14
5 THE WITNESS: Thank you.	15
6 EXAMINATION BY COUNSEL FOR DEFENDANT ARUBA	16
7 NETWORKS, LLC	17
8 BY MR. HASLAM:	18
9 Q I just have one or two questions.	19
20 When when you decided to withdraw as counsel in	20
11 representing Mr. Haycox and his companies before	21
the patent office, did you advise him of that	22
23 fact?	23
MR. CONNEELY: Could you ask that	24
25 question again?	25

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